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PRODUCING AMORPHOUS HARD CARBON FILM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED JULY 29, 2002

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 18, 2002

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2002. A petition for a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

In the Action, restriction is required between:

- (I) Claims 1-3, directed to a composition, classified in class 423, subclass 445R, and
- (II) Claims 4-10, directed to a mechanical part, classified in class 428, subclass 408, and

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(III) Claims 11 and 12, directed to a method, classified in class 427, subclass 249.1.

Applicants elect the subject matter of group (I), claims 1-3, for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse with the understanding that the applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 121 to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter are retained.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2002. A favorable action on the merits of the elected subject matter is believed to be in order and is respectfully solicited.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

In the event any additional fees are required, please also

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